

## **Clinical or Community Partnerships**

**Angelina College**

**Panola College**

**Stephen F. Austin State University**

*Nacogdoches Medical Center, Nacogdoches, TX*

The medical center provides space and teaching assistants to teach nursing students various skills. Space is shared by Angelina College, Panola College and Stephen F. Austin State University.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** none other than shared equipment

**Grant monies used:** no

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- BSN teaching assistants provide skills practice & check-off
- provides real-life examples and tips
- frees up instructor time doing skills check-offs
- exposes students to multiple instructors
- allows hospital to recruit students
- provides advertising and collaboration for the colleges

**Challenges from partnership:**

- difficulty in scheduling between three schools and the availability of teaching assistants
- risk of losing space because it is not always utilized

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*Tenet Medical Center, Nacogdoches, TX*

*Memorial Hospital, Nacogdoches, TX*

*Memorial Health System of East Texas, Lufkin, TX*

*Woodland Heights Hospital, Lufkin, TX*

The ANET project was funded by THECB. The purpose of the grant was to identify students at risk of failing out of the nursing programs at Angelina College, Panola College and Stephen F. Austin State University.

Those students who were identified as at-risk were provided a modified curriculum which spaced out courses in the first semester, thereby decreasing the study load for those at-risk students. The courses were provided in a web-based format which provided students with the opportunity to review content as often as necessary in order to master the material. A statistician compiled and analyzed the student data.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** partnerships maintained by

relationships with agencies; cost unknown

**Grant monies used:** yes, THECB

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- Tenet Medical Center donated space, remodeling costs and a partial FTE for a shared clinical laboratory facility

**Challenges from partnership:**

- overcoming differences in philosophies and curricula between ADN and BSN programs. These barriers were overcome by developing a trusting relationship between partners over time.

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*Tenet Medical Center, Nacogdoches, TX*

East Texas Nursing Education Consortium (ETNEC) is comprised of SFASU, Angelina College, Panola College and Stephen F. Austin State University. Tenet Medical Center provided space, remodeling costs, and a partial FTE to establish a simulation laboratory for all three schools. Each school donated educational equipment, such as mannequins, IV arms, hospital beds, computers and AV equipment. All three nursing programs utilize the space which is known as The Plaza for clinical labs.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** \$20,000 initial cost to hospital for renovations; \$6,000 per year for ongoing costs of partial FTE

**Grant monies used:** no

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- The Plaza provides a cost effective way for small nursing programs to acquire and maintain simulation clinical labs

**Challenges from partnership:** none listed

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# Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs

## **Panola College ADN**

*Angelina College*

*Stephen F. Austin State University*

The three colleges have been partners for seven years in planning and implementing strategies with hospitals related to the nursing shortage. They share two grants under NIGP (A and C) and co-teach courses online such as Pharmacology, Health Assessment and Med/Surg Recovery. They share The Plaza; a skills practice area at Nacogdoches Medical Center that provides teaching assistants to instruct and to check-off nursing skills. They are trying to acquire a regional simulation center in conjunction with a local hospital. The partnership is strong and ongoing.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** no cost

**Grant monies used:**

Some of the partnership flourished under the NIGP-A, B, and C grants from THECB

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- sharing ideas
- collaboration for grant monies
- collaboration with hospitals for resources
- sharing instructors

**Challenges from partnership:**

- geographic distances 50 and 80 miles

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## Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs

**Angelina College ADN**

**Panola College ADN**

**Stephen F. Austin State University BSN**

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**Expected benefits from partnership:**

As a result of this partnership, Tenet Medical Center in Nacogdoches donated space, remodeling costs, and a partial FTE for a shared clinical laboratory facility for Angelina College, Panola College and SFASU School of Nursing. To date, the partnership is continuing to work together as the East Texas Nursing Education Consortium (ETNEC) and is actively seeking grant opportunities for other innovative projects.

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## East Texas Consortium of Schools

Angelina College  
East Texas Baptist University  
Kilgore College  
Lamar State College Orange  
Navarro College  
Northeast Texas Community College

Panola College  
Paris Junior College  
Stephen F. Austin University  
Texarkana College  
Trinity Valley Community College  
Tyler Junior College  
University of Texas at Tyler

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